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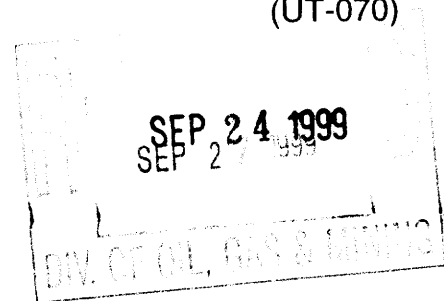
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Mr. Steven E. Kochevar, P. E.  
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Interwest Mining Company  
One Utah Center, Suite 2000  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84140-0200



Re: Notification of Sealing, 3<sup>rd</sup> North West Side Panel Block, Deer Creek Mine.

Dear Mr. Kochevar:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received on August 6, 1999, a request from Interwest to seal mined-out areas in the subject mine. This notification of sealing follows and conforms with 43 CFR 3484.1(c)(7), abandonment of mining areas. The 3<sup>rd</sup> North West Side longwall block is located on Federal leases U-06039, U-7653, and U-47977.

Interwest proposes to construct permanent seals for the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup> West gateroads each at the tie in to the 3<sup>rd</sup> North B Mains. Interwest states this would isolate this mined-out longwall gob, reduce ventilation requirements and provide for dewatering of the area.

The BLM agrees with the proposal, as sealing of mined-out areas is a standard practice. Sealing off the west side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North longwall gob area reduces the possibility for spontaneous combustion, eliminates worker inspections and exposure, provides controlled dewatering and reduces ventilation requirements.

We also agree that all recoverable coal has been extracted as per the approved resource recovery and protection plan, as modified. We note that all associated mining equipment has been removed and the area has been inspected by our personnel and representatives of the State of Utah Department of Health for verification and any environmental concerns. }

The BLM has determined that the proposed sealing and abandonment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North west side panel block complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and conditions, and maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal has been achieved for this area. Interwest's sealing proposal

is approved as submitted (approved map attached), subject to any requirements of the Mine Health and Safety Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at (801) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Manus

For Richard L. Manus  
Field Office Manager

Enclosure

Approved Mine Map

cc: UT-921, SD, Utah (w/encl.)  
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STATE  
ML-22509

U-06039

SL-050862

U-7653

U-47977

**APPROVED**

U-08488 APPROVED:

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TITLE: *Mining Engineer*

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DEER CREEK MINE  
8TH WEST THROUGH 3RD WEST  
SEALING PROJECT (DATED 8-2-99)

ENERGY WEST  
MINING COMPANY  
NORTHAVON, UTAH 84043

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